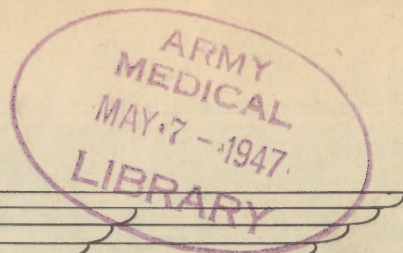


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Iturbi Plays for DGH Radio Tryout

Inaugurating Dibble's new Radio Workshop, world-famous Jose Iturbi, brilliant pianist and conductor, captivated his listeners with his masterful interpretation of Chopin, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and his inevitable boogie-woogie in the Patient's Recreation Hall on Monday afternoon. Bed patients and others unable to attend the concert heard the program via the distribution system. Mr. Iturbi up to this date, has played at 91 military installations since the beginning of the year, exclusive of his commercial engagements!

DGH will soon be one of the few military installations on the West Coast that shall be able to boast of a professional type radio studio. Under the direction of Special Services, Radio Division, the Radio Workshop is nearing completion and will have the latest and most sensitive radio broadcasting equipment. It is located on the balcony of the Patient's Recreation Hall.

Equipped with double glass windows, acoustically-treated walls and ceilings and sound-proof floor covering, this modern Radio Workshop will serve a number of programs. Most important will be the broadcasting of regular "live" shows to the various wards already piped with ear-phones.

Once the Radio Workshop is functioning, various classes will be given as a part of the reconditioning program. These are several: Script writing, agency radio copy writing, microphone technique, dramatic show production, radio directing, program planning and sound engineering. Instruction manuals are being written and printed by members of the Radio Workshop. Students will have the opportunity to participate in "live" shows.

Construction of sound effect equipment will be another phase of the program. Those men not interested in writing, acting or engineering, will have the opportunity of building sound effect equipment from plans supplied by CBS and NBC.

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Col. W. H. ALLEN, M.C.
Commanding

Dibble General Hospital has become an institution. In its short life of little over one year it has developed atmosphere and tradition. Patients and staff members who have left this hospital have indicated their affection for and pride in this establishment. This community of patients, doctors, nurses, enlisted men, WACs, officers, and civilians, has developed an esprit de corps which has marked it as one of the finest places in which to live. Its spirit exemplifies the little publicized motto "Service Above Self." It is a place where men and women learn that handicaps may become opportunities.

It is hoped that the development of this paper, the Dibble News, will serve as a medium for the dissemination of the fine spirit already established.

New Barracks Will Be Ready in May

Construction of new barracks, company administration buildings, recreation halls and a consolidated company mess hall will be completed and ready for occupancy on or about 1 May, according to Major Eaton, Post Engineer.

The buildings, fronting on "A" street from the Middlefield Road section west to the EM tennis courts, are being erected by the Wells Goodenough Company, Palo Alto (WAC barracks), and the J. D. Dunn Company of San Francisco (EM barracks and mess hall), under the supervision of the San Francisco District Engineer. They will be Theater of Operation's type and will carry gas-fired space heaters. Shower and latrine facilities will be greater than that heretofore available.

Six Barracks to Wac

Six barracks will be assigned to the WAC Detachment. Four will be readied for housing; each barracks will include four rooms. The remaining two buildings will be used for WAC administration, supply and recreation facilities. Officer's quarters and a beauty parlor complete the picture.

Ten barracks will be utilized by the Medical Detachment and all others. Of this total, six will be for housing, two for administration and two for recreation purposes.

The Mess Hall, to be used by all detachments, including the WAC, will be located between the WAC area and that assigned to the enlisted men.

HELP!

Be ye writer, poet, scribbler,
Artist, talker, even fibber;

Be ye brass, GI or civvy
Hark this call, we do prithie!

Your contribution—badly needed,
Call 188—it will be heeded!

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DEDICATION

In the army, as elsewhere, every effect must have a cause. Things don't just happen. This newspaper didn't just happen. It had a cause—a someone who started the ball rolling. To that person we respectfully dedicate this the first issue of the *Dibble News*. Cause of our effort is the hospital's commanding officer, Colonel William H. Allen.

Coming to Dibble in August 1943 when the hospital was little more than an idea, Col. Allen has watched it grow into reality under his command. A glance at his military career furnishes ample explanation for Col. Allen's assignment to activate and organize Dibble General Hospital.

Colonel William H. Allen, M. C., began his medical career at the University of Pennsylvania where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. From college he entered the Army Medical School in Washington, D.C., and was graduated in 1910 with the commission of 1st Lt., Medical Corps, U. S. Army.

Colonel Allen has had a variety of experiences during his service. He commanded the Base Hospital No. 67 in France in World War I.

He has an active interest in the Philippines for two reasons. He served two tours of duty there, one from 1913 to 1916 and another from 1937 to 1939 when he commanded Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. The second reason is that his son, Lt. Colonel William H. Allen, Jr., G.S.C., is with the 25th Infantry Division which is fighting the Japanese in northern Luzon.

After serving at Letterman General Hospital as Chief of the Medical Services from June, 1939 to December 1940, Colonel Allen assumed command of the newly-activated Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara on 17 December 1940 and saw construction through to completion. He remained there until his transfer here in August 1943.

And so, the story of our cause. To you, Colonel Allen, we offer the *Dibble News*, in which we hope to chronicle the future deeds of Dibble men!

FIRST ISSUE GREETINGS!

Under the supervision of the Information and Education Branch of the Reconditioning Section, the *Dibble News* shows its face at long last. Considerable effort on the part of Col. W. H. Allen, Commanding Officer, Col. W. P. Corr, during the temporary absence of Col. Allen, Lt. Col. T. W. E. Christmas, Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Paul J. Lilly, Information and Education Officer, the *Dibble News* staff and many unnamed contributors, is responsible for the issue as it appears today.

If readers feel they have items of general interest send them in to the Editor, through the Message Center, or call Ext. 188 after 1300.

Combat Medics Win Recognition

By Camp Newspaper Service



The Medical Badge, established as a means of recognizing the important role being performed by medical personnel on duty with the infantry units, has been

authorized by the War Department. It is intended that this badge be awarded only to those who are daily sharing with the infantry the hazards and hardships of combat. It is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves.

The Medical Badge may be awarded to both officers and men of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the medical detachments of infantry regiments, battalions and elements thereof.

An individual who believes himself entitled to a Medical Badge but who has not received an order announcing the award, may make application by letter to the Adjutant General, through his present organization CO. Better still, see the 1st sergeant. One more detail: No additional pay is authorized for the Medical Badge.

Chapel Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday: Worship Service, N-P Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel, 0930; Preaching Service, Chapel, 1000; Musical Program, N-P Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830. Office Conference Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

CATHOLIC

Sunday: Mass, N-P Section, 0900; Mass, Chapel, 0610, 0745 and 1100. Week days: Mass, Chapel, 1700; Confession, Chapel, before and after Mass. Saturday: Confession, Chapel, 1900-2100. Office Conference hours: Wednesday, 1500-1700.

JEWISH

Friday: Service, Chapel, 1815.

Free literature for all three groups is available in the chapel vestibule. Help yourself or let us know your wants.

Conferences for almost any time are easily arranged by seeing us or calling our office, Ext. 299.

All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

Ira V. Garrison, Post Chaplain.

Flak Turns Navigator Into Human Torch in El Alamein Campaign

Things began to get pretty thick for 1st Lt. Edward B. Jobb, AC, former engineer from Baker, Oregon, on the night of 14 September 1942. Lt. Jobb was navigator of a B-25 with the 81st Squadron, 12th Bombing Group, 9th Air Force, and was on a bombing mission on this fateful night during the El Alamein campaign in North Africa.

Bombs were away, when the flak found the ship as it was leaving the target. The plane blew up. Jobb's clothes caught fire and like a human torch, he plummeted down to about 800 feet before he regained consciousness and pulled his ripcord. Although the parachute was burning in five places, he landed safely and sought aid from Arabs, who refused for fear of Nazi reprisals. He started trudging across the desert alone and a day later stumbled weakly into a Nazi outpost.

Prisoner of War 18 Months

The Germans treated his burns and flew him to Athens, Greece, then to Italy. After six weeks, Jobb was transferred to Stalagluft III in Germany. After remaining there more than a year, the Nazis repatriated him as a casualty of war. The Gripsholm brought him home to these shores on 15 March 1944.

Transferred from Halloran General Hospital to Torney then to Dibble General Hospital, Lt. Jobb arrived here 8 May 1944.

Married to Former DGH Nurse

Besides finding a new life here through the skill of Dibble's plastic surgeons, the lieutenant found a wife. On 14 October 1944, Lt. Jobb and former 1st Lt. Carol Plummer, ANC, in whose charge he had been placed, were married. She took charge of him all right.

Lt. Plummer is now plain "Mrs. Jobb," having been retired from the Army Nurse Corps 4 December 1944. And sometime this fall, they'll have a new "jobb" on their hands.

Iturbi Plays at Dibble

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Some of the professional type shows scheduled to appear soon at Dibble GH are: Spotlight Bands, Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, and Bob Hope. Tentative dates are not yet available.

Lt. Donald L. Linder, Special Services officer, is in direct charge of the Radio Workshop and has had a number of years experience with network shows in Hollywood. Staff of the workshop are T/5 Richard S. Degner, in charge of programming; Pfc. Thomas C. Cooper, announcer, and Pfc. Dean Spenst, sound engineer. Interested? Call ext. 188.



COMEDIAN JOE E. BROWN spreads his famous grin in Ward 1 for Lt. Edward B. Jobb and his wife, the former Lt. Carol Plummer, ANC. Looking on is Joseph Glick of Corning, California.

"Army Nurse Doctor's Right Hand"—Gen. Kirk

The Army Nurse Corps was 44 years old this February. Commenting on the anniversary, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, paid tribute to the Army nurse as "the Army doctor's right hand." Without her, he declared, "the present high standard of health among our soldiers and the gratifying percentage of recovery of battle casualties would be impossible."

Although military nursing began long before, it was not until February 2, 1901, that the Nurse Corps became a definite component of the Army.

When the United States declared war on Germany in 1917, there were only 403 nurses in the corps. (Compare that with the number here at Dibble General Hospital—137!) Within 18 months, the number had increased to 21,480. Of these, 10,400 were sent overseas.

Today, the Army nurse is shouldering her complete share of the responsibility for crushing the enemy. Ferrying Division Nurses of the Air Transport Command, on duty at station hospitals and on flight status with the Air Evacuation projects, are part of the corps which is represented wherever men are fighting and dying.

On 10 July 1944, a bill became effective giving real instead of relative rank to officers of the corps for the duration of the war, entitling them to the privileges of other Army officers.

55 Senior Cadets Train At Dibble for 3 Months

By CADET REICHERS

Twenty-two Cadet Nurses arrived here 28 February to begin a three-months training course in practical nursing preparatory to qualification for the Army Nurse Corps.

The Cadets, now numbering 55, under the direction of 1st Lt. Meehan, ANC, are supervised in their duties by the Army Nurses and follow a full schedule covering eight hours of daily duty on one of the two shifts 0700 to 1500 and 1500 to 2300. One hour classes in military training and courtesy plus ward conferences at which the medical officers and nurses discuss cases and their treatments are part of their curriculum.

A student Officers Body has been elected. They are: President, Jeanette Riechers; vice president, Betty Hock; secretary and treasurer, Beth Craddock; class representatives, Marilyn Cole and Betty Wallar.

Joe E. Brown at DGH Again

Big-hearted Joe E. Brown whose "kisser," as he calls it, is an entertainment trade mark on the world battlefronts, paid his third visit to Dibble on Tuesday, March 22nd, where he presented a special show for the patients in the Recreation Hall.

Paul Sax, Bob Gilbert and Tito, Joe's own overseas unit, helped him keep the boys in stitches. Brown may leave soon for another overseas tour to entertain the men at the front.

BUY WAR BONDS



All present and accounted for!

WAC Wise

By Sgt. Anne Harrison

So you think that WAC on your ward is a neat little number? In fact, you would like to convince her that you are a GI of unusual talents yourself. But femmes in uniform are a strange and foreboding phenomena. Just how do you go about making a hit with the lady? Here are a few hints guaranteeing inevitable success if absolutely adhered to despite any and all competition. (Look sharp, men!) **DON'T** call her by her last name! "Hey, Jones!" may be socially acceptable for address by the guy in the next bunk, but Pfc Jones won't appreciate it. "Sarge," "Corp," "Corpse," and other names of a military origin are not much better. It's rank plus last name during duty hours—and off duty, well, she does have a first name. This is US 1945, and Emily Post herself would not object to your using it. Go ahead and whistle, (bark, if you must), but buddy, don't blame me if she never looks at you any way but murderously! It has happened much too often. She is neither flattered nor surprised, and she would be delighted to see you . . . boiled in oil! **DON'T** ask her to meet you at the Post Theatre, (and then not show up), or the West gate or down by the old mill stream. Call for her at the WAC day room. You'll be safe, really! . . . Easy, isn't it? Just remember that! In the service, women prefer the accent on women.

The Wolf

by Sansone



BOQ

By P. U. Aspinwald

Flash! 2nd Lt. Thuman, the Sage of Cincinnati, makes 1st! The event was of such great significance that mention was made of it in the Daily Bulletin. Free cigars at the Officer's Club but there was no need to rush men, they were Twofers (two fer a nickle). New fathers, such as Lts. Lamb and Bricca, hand out better ones Incidental to the serving of hamburgers, the Club has taken on a new popularity. Col. Gale, the president, and his Board of Governors, are doing much to make the Club more "functional." Recently a new doorway was cut into one of the walls. The story that Lt. Pokorny had walked through the wall was making the rounds it may interest you to know that Lt. Pokorny has other accomplishments. In addition to playing a jug, he also turns in a creditable performance on the guitar, violin, bull fiddle and the swinette. The swinette was introduced to this section of the country by Lt. Ferderber, the Lochinvar from out of the West.

Capt. Lillis is back in the saddle as Director of Security and Intelligence . . . made the rounds of some of the army's best schools on military government.

CIVIL TONGUES . . .

By Elnora Eastman, Lab

No personalities until we're better acquainted with *Dibble News*, not that we're afraid, but we'd like to keep the column as newsy as we can . . . Couple of the girls have started the ball rolling, so that before you know it, we'll have a bowling team that can clear a strike with the best of them. If you've got a good arm, see Elnora Eastman in the Lab First meeting of the Glee Club was held March 22nd in the Post Chapel and while no high "C's" hit the ceiling, it wasn't bad, says Pvt. Fred Swan. Soon as we polish up on our arias, we'll hit the Dibble Radio Workshop for time on the air. (You'll get the air, all right!)

Look here! Some news! Doris "Honesty" Johnson and Capt. Bill Compton, AC, were married early in March down Ventura way. Happy? Are you kidding? And red-headed Nora Wayne, who works in the Sgt. Major's office with Doris, left for a couple of weeks to smother her husband Les, a Sea Bee, back from the Russell Islands after a two year jaunt (!)

Oh! Nurse

Forty-four years old! But still full of chipper girls whose work has contributed immeasurably to the restoration of the returned veteran's peace of mind as well as body. There are 137 candy-striped nurses here at Dibble, and no one has ever been heard complaining about the number —on the contrary The graduate nurses are happy to welcome the Cadet Nurses who recently joined from Letterman. They have already assumed responsibilities and Major Richards says they are performing like veterans and carrying on the traditions of the Army Nurse Corps. The nurses wish to pay tribute to our Red Cross Volunteer Nurses Aides, who have so generously given their time, and have done much fine work in the nursing care of the patients . . . New arrivals: Lt. Ruth Arcularius, from duty in New Guinea; Lt. Theresa Powers from her North African and Italian tour of duty; Lt. Elizabeth Kahn, from basic training at Fort Lewis.

Second Lts. Kathryn Poole, Loretta Dutka, Alice Carson, Mary Baird, Marjorie Christianson—to Camp Roberts. Second Lts. Marjorie Adams, Marilyn Laird, Evelyn Johnston are taking a course in psychiatric nursing at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah.

Dibble War Bond Score

Purchases of War Bonds by operating personnel of Dibble General Hospital, under the payroll allotment plan, showed an increase during February. There are 86.1 per cent of the civilians now participating in the War Bond purchase program, and 21.7 per cent of the military personnel are participants. This represents an increase of 1 per cent for the civilians and over 4 per cent for the military.

The personnel offices are ready and eager to assist you in starting or increasing an allotment. Lt. Bowden, Extension 184, will answer the military; Miss Eaton, Extension 290, takes care of the civilian program.

BUY WAR BONDS

Medical DT's

Modest men, these medics, and very reluctant about revealing who and why and when. But our scouts persist . . . and report that T/3 Ed Hooper is available for consultation by the WAC on any problems. His office—the NCO Club. Call for an appointment . . . just to initiate the column, we list the last promotions, (as if you didn't know!) to Tec. 5: Pfc Cooper, Koffman, Whitlock. Cheers! . . .

Condolences to M/Sgt. A. J. Malatesta on the loss of his father.

That "old gang" is dwindling . . . "Rusty" Marriott, Nataly, Green—you can fill in the rest.

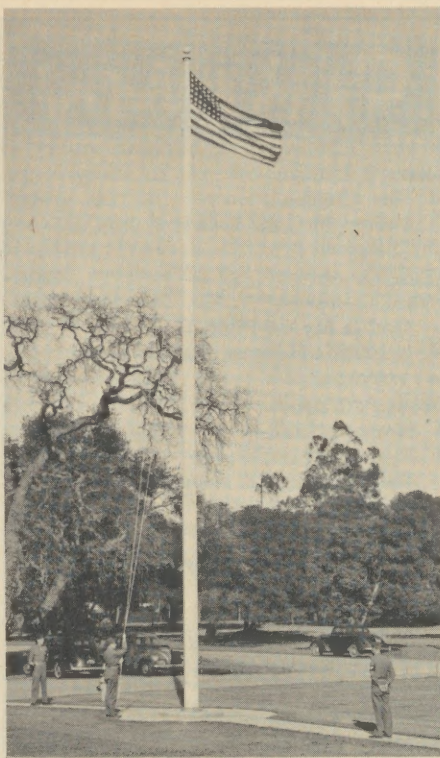
Pvt. Manuel Raposa took himself a bride last March 15th in the Post Chapel . . . he wore khaki . . . Last reports on "Preacher" McCormick is that he is bearing up well what with being an expectant father . . . To the rest of Detachment . . . This is your column and while we exult in our imaginative mind, we'd much rather get the dope straight from the horse. Place your bets early and mail them to the Ed, Dibble News. If you've any suggestions to make or any gripes to unburden . . . brother, give . . .

CO Med Det Welcomes First Issue of News

By Lt. Levy, CO Med. Det.

Having enjoyed the privilege of seeing Dibble Hospital grow from infancy to its now mature state, it seems now more than fitting that this publication, for which we have been patiently waiting, be given the spotlight for this, its initial issue. The editor and his staff should be praised for their perseverance, patience and long hours of planning.

Their long months of waiting and hoping are now rewarded by seeing this paper go to press. The members of the detachment have been hoping that soon we



EVERY NIGHT AT FIVE

Sgt. Elmer E. Bowman, PFC Ervin Davis and PFC Joseph De Santis, MP Det., attending.

would have a post paper. Now that this hope has become a reality we are sure that the Dibble News will find its place in the archives of this station, further carrying the traditions that make this one of the outstanding posts in the country.

It is hoped that everyone will become acquainted with the important job accomplished by the Medical Department Soldier. The Dibble News is one means of accomplishing this. It is a means of bringing to all the theme of the Medical Department, "Service Above Self." It is the means of creating a unity that will surpass our present record. It is a most welcome addition to the many pleasant Dibble activities.

WARD MATTER

By Green, Rhodes, Wojcik, Sardinas, Long, Perry, Cadet Newland et al . . .

Things to remember—that WAC hegira through the Redwoods with boys . . . watch repairing by a Ward 3 expert, Pvt. Ivan Childress, No yodeling . . . Mac, angel of mercy, who left Ward 4 . . . the look on Capt. Dove's face when his wife arrived . . . Lt. Hoptman's bowling score—299! . . . Capt. "Sinatra" Westman whose crooning has them swooning . . . the tennis-tan on petite Lt. Short-hill . . . the Feather Merchants Club on Ward 6 looks like a steam room when the boys get through . . . all under the watchful eye of "Maw" Johnson and her two-gunned assistant, "Montana Kid" Carson . . . Jug Redman and the familiar symptoms of a hard week end . . . Lt. Patton's pretty secretary . . . the tornado that Ralph O'Neill creates when he's asleep . . . the floor WACs and their hearty efforts to keep things in good order . . . Cpl. Found's ice-water baths . . . the disappearance of pin-ups on Ward 2 since Miss Yolo arrived . . .

Ward 8 word portraits: Pfc Art Meyers, the romantic with blue eyes, curly hair . . . was local yo-yo champ back away; T/Sgt. Burnham, pride and joy of the Recon program—full-time wardman, part-time patient; Pfc Kurt Zecherman, the low-pressure type, mechanically inclined . . . can usually be found pushing laundry conveyors, food carts or almost any type of vehicle; Pfc Bob Clark, author of "One Thousand and One Ways to Miss Recon-Conditioning Classes," holds award for perfect alibis on absenteeism; T/5 Nutt, our contribution to the wolf-pack; Pvt. Willie Jones . . . still under the effects of the ether, goes prowling San Joseward every week end and winds up under the ether the rest of the week; Pvt. Ralph Miller . . . medium-sized man who isn't here . . . last seen talking to a blonde at the PX. . . that's all, bub . . .

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Briefs for Observation Mission



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Dibble Civvies Extend Glad Hand to Needy

The Civilian Employees Association of Dibble General Hospital, now six months old, has been spreading cheer and comfort in many ways, according to Elnora Eastman, president.

The association loans money to employees whenever emergencies arise, with no red tape to hamper action. The major portion of expenses incurred in running Civvy Dances is borne by the group. Monthly dues, by the way, are 25 cents, but payment is not compulsory. CEA funds are for the benefit of its members.

Council representatives meet bi-monthly and discuss ideas and suggestions for improving working conditions. All employees should contact their representatives if they have ideas or bones to pick. Members are asked not to hesitate to contact them on any occasion whatsoever. Jayne Jenkins, secretary, asks that she be notified whenever a fellow-worker becomes ill so that the CEA can do right by her or him. Call Extension 289.

Eleven Come To Braille

Eleven interested students attended the opening session of the newly-organized Braille class in the Post Theater, Wednesday, 28 March 1945 at 1815. Started by the Information-Education Office at the request of several nurses, the group is under the tutelage of PFC Mary Horton, WAC, and consists of all sighted persons.

Present at the first meeting were: Lt. Anne Burkey, Lt. Harriet Howell, Lt. Mary C. Minaglia, Capt. Hester K. Maroney, Cadet Nurse Doris Newgard, Cpl. Mary Stephens, Pvt. Gladys Draper, Pvt. Mattie Robertson, Pvt. Honey Lou Watts, Robert C. Dodd, Lt. Ruby M. Perry.

Any interested patient or duty personnel may enroll in the class by calling Lt. Lilly at Extension 188.



"Going My Way?"

CINEMA

Sat., 7 Apr.—		
The Unseen	Joel McCrea & Gail Russell	1900
Sun., 8 Apr.—		1900
Mon., 9 Apr.—		1815, 2015
God is My Co-Pilot	Dennis Morgan, R. Massey	
Tues., 10 Apr.—		
House of Fear	Rathbone & Bruce	1815, 2030
Rough, Tough & Ready	Morris & McLaglen	
Thurs., 12 Apr.—		
Circumstantial Evidence	Michael O'Shea	1815, 2000
Fri., 13 Apr.—		
Earl Carroll Vanities	D. O'Keefe, Constance Moore	1815, 2000
Sat., 14 Apr.—		
Molly And Me	Monty Wooley, Gracie Fields	1900
Sun., 15 Apr.—		1900
Mon., 16 Apr.—		1815, 2015
Hotel Berlin	Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre	

Patients Entertainment Schedule

Sat., 7 Apr.—		
Kitchen Party	RC	1900
Sun., 8 Apr.—		
Open House	RC	1300-2100
Mon., 9 Apr.—		
"Japanese Prison Camps"	Lt. Col. L. M. Edwards Recon	1300
Open House—Games	RC	1600-2100
Tues., 10 Apr.—		
"Combat Bulletin No. 45"	Recon	1300
"Tonight & Every Night"	with Rita Hayworth RC	1745, 1915
Wed., 11 Apr.—		
GI Movie	Recon	1300
USO Show — "Showing Off"	SS	1930
Thurs., 12 Apr.—		
"Silent Village"	— Info Film Recon	
Folk Dancing Exhibition		1900
Fri., 13 Apr.—		
"Fascism"	Recon	1300
Free Photos in Library,	RC	1000-1800
"Can't Help Singing,"	with Deanna Durbin RC	1745, 1915

Softball Begins on 15 April as NSC Sets Up Athletic Leagues

Four athletic leagues have been set up in the Central District, Ninth Service Command, by a conference of this district's athletic officers, held at Camp Stoneman, California, on 16 and 17 March 1945.

DGH in Golden Gate League

The Central District Leagues are: the Valley League—DeWitt GH, Hammond GH, Camp Tracy, Camp Turlock, Camp Beale and Camp Lathrop; the Coast League—Camp Roberts, Camp San Luis Obispo, Fort Ord, Presidio of Monterey and Camp McQuaide; the Bay League—Camp Stoneman, Benicia Arsenal, Oakland Regional Hospital, Fort Mason, Medicine Depot and Oakland POE; the Golden Gate League—Fort Scott, Fort Riley, Western Defense Command, Letterman GH, SCU 1960, Presidio of San Francisco and Dibble GH.

The winners of each league will play the winners of the other leagues to determine the district champions, who will then play the winners of the other three districts to determine the Ninth Service Command champions.

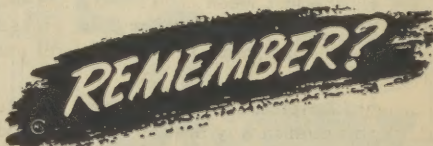
Intra-league tournaments will be held in softball, volley ball, golf, ping pong, football, bowling and baseball. Softball will be first on the sports calendar, starting 15 April, followed by baseball on 15 May. Games will be a round-robin affair.

Eligibility rules decided that any member of a post is eligible to play, including civilians, providing they have been employed on the post at least 30 days prior to any tournament and work at least 20 hours per week.

Lieutenant Jack Mulkey is Dibble's Conference representative.

READ OUTFIT LATELY?

Have you been keeping up with the men of your old unit? Have you heard of the recent changes in personnel, rotations, furloughs, awards and decorations that have taken place overseas? If you haven't, read OUTFIT, the weekly free magazine which brings you the latest from all theatres. Get a copy from your wardmaster every Saturday.



1939—"Racial honor demands territory and enough of it. In such a struggle there can be no consideration for worthless Poles, Czechs, etc. Ground must be cleared for German peasants."—Statement made by Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi ideologist, in Berlin.

UNCIO

Eighteen days till history is made!

With the eyes of the world looking toward San Francisco and the United Nations Conference, a review of the principal facts concerning the conclave are in order.

WHAT: United Nations Conference on International Organization to draft a permanent world peace organization.

WHEN: 25 April 1945.

WHERE: San Francisco, California.

BASIS: Informal proposals at Dumbarton Oaks.

U.S. DELEGATES:

Edward R. Stettinius, Chairman, Secretary of State.

Cordell Hull, ex-Secretary of State.

Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota, flag secretary to Admiral Halsey.

Arthur H. Vandenburg, Republican senator from Michigan.

Tom Connally, Chairman of Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sol Bloom, Chairman of House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Democratic representative from New York.

Charles Eaton, Republican representative from New Jersey.

Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College, New York City.

Ten Educ Recon Classes Attract DGH Patients

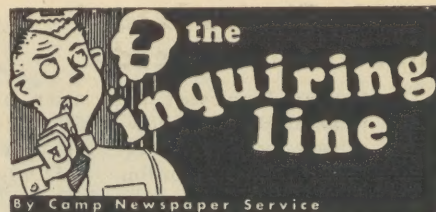
Ten classes and approximately 50 patients are involved in the rapidly expanding program of the Educational Reconditioning section, featuring classes at the hospital and in Palo Alto. Cpl. Mary T. Stephens, WAC, is charged with setting up and supervising the classes, which include academic and vocational subjects most requested by patients.

Academic classes at Dibble include Dr. Avila's Spanish class which meets on Tuesday at 1745 on the sun porch, Ward 6; French etudes are on Friday's menu at 1500, Ward 6, with Miss Herrington in charge. Miss Grossi's new Italian class on Friday at 1745, Ward 6, is gaining in popularity. And, if your English is rusty, Mrs. Crawford will see you at Ward 7, Tuesday and Thursday at 1500.

Lt. Thuman's refresher math course, currently in Algebra, sets up shop in Ward 6, Monday and Thursday at 1745. (Ed. note: and it's over in time to make the Post movie at 1900!) Pvt. Riley's slide rule group will resume its sessions when she returns from school in Virginia in May.

If Gregg's pothooks and whirligigs floor you, Mrs. Fenn will unravel the mysteries of shorthand Thursday afternoons, 1500, Ward 6, sun porch.

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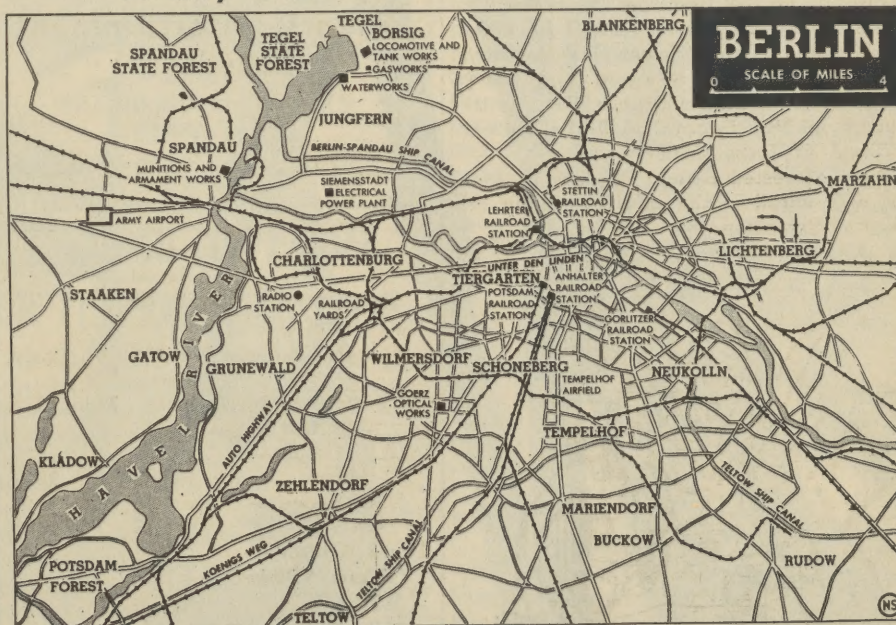
Q. Can a veteran get a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights to build a home, and after completion rent it out as an investment?

A. The provisions of the GI Bill require that the primary use of the building be the occupation of it by the veteran as his home. It may be built to accommodate up to four family units, but in order to obtain approval of his loan the veteran must declare it to be his intention to occupy one of the units.

Evening School, interested patients attend classes in Palo Alto four nights a week: auto mechanics on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; typing on Monday and Thursday; radio theory and lab on Thursday. GI transportation carries you to and from classes.

An early morning class in aeroplane engine mechanics runs from 0800 to 1200, Monday through Friday in Palo Alto. This is a toughie—a 12 week course—and has no openings until the next class starts.

A City That Was—Berlin Before Hitler



Before Hitler's ill-fated bid for world domination brought upon Berlin the retribution of Allied airmen, it was one of the most modern and beautiful cities in the world. Now vast areas are rubble. In 1933, Greater Berlin was the largest city on the European continent, in population, with 4,242,501, and was surpassed only by London, New York and Tokyo. In area (338 square miles) only Greater New York was larger. An important railway center and also one of Germany's leading seats of industry and commerce, it is a prime military target.

It Pays To Tell A Lie!

Every Sunday night until June 10 on The Kate Smith Hour, Kate is giving her check for \$250 to the hospitalized American veteran in a U.S. base hospital who sends in the tall tale that she likes best for broadcast, plus 10 extra awards of \$10 each.

During the last week of her radio season, the tallest of all whoppers will be picked by a special jury, and the author will get \$1000 extra.

Every hospitalized American service man or woman in any branch of the armed forces can get in on it. The winning tall tale of the week will be read over the air on The Kate Smith Hour and the winner's name announced for that week.

Send your tall tale in now to Kate Smith, 1819 Broadway, New York, 23, New York. Be sure to include your name, rank, serial number, hospital address, and your home town address.



To the Men at Dibble
General Hospital, with
my very best wishes.
Dorothy Lamour

PARAMOUNT'S gift to the boys. The first of a series of "Pin-Ups," which will be a regular feature of the DIBBLE NEWS. Watch for your favorite honey.